

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3 and 6 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 4, 7 and 13 as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A harness for a quadruped animal, said harness comprising:

a chest strap which in use of the harness lies across the chest of the animal in front of the forelegs;

a trunk loop to which each end of the chest strap is attached and which includes a back strap which in use of the harness lies across the back of the animal affixed to a lower strap which in use of the harness passes under the animal behind the forelegs; and

a first attachment for a leading strap, the first attachment being slidably mounted on the chest strap for movement ~~therealong~~ along a length of the chest strap in a direction in which the leading strap is being pulled during use; and

a second attachment for the leading strap, provided on the back strap of the trunk loop; and

a stabilizing link one end of which is mounted on the chest strap and the other end of which is adapted to be attached in use of the harness to a collar around the

neck of the animal, the stabilizing link being attached to a cinch ring through which a loop of the chest strap passes.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The harness according to claim 1, wherein the first attachment for the leading strap is a ring through which the chest strap passes.

Claim 3 (Cancelled)

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The harness according to claim 3 1, wherein the stabilizing link is slidably mounted on the chest strap for movement therealong.

Claims 5-6 (Cancelled)

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The harness according to claim 6 1, wherein the first attachment for the leading strap is mounted on the said loop of the chest strap whereby the cinch is retained on the chest strap.

Claim 8 (Cancelled)

Claim 9 (Withdrawn): The harness cording to claim 1, wherein the back strap is pivotably affixed to the lower strap.

Claim 10 (Cancelled)

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The harness according to claim 1, wherein the ends of the chest strap are pivotably attached to the trunk loop where the back strap meets the lower strap.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The harness according to claim 1, wherein the trunk loop includes a clasp by which the trunk loop can be opened to, in use of the harness, allow the harness to be placed on or removed from an animal.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The harness according to claim 1, wherein a length of at least one of the chest strap or loop, the back strap and the lower strap is adjustable.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The harness according to claim 1 for a dog.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The harness according to claim 1, wherein the first attachment on the chest strap for the leading strap is constrained against free movement along the chest strap.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The harness according to claim 1, wherein the second attachment for the leading strap is constrained against free movement along the back strap.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The harness according to claim 1, wherein the chest strap is of a polyester webbing.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): A method of controlling a dog or other quadruped animal comprising:

placing a harness according to claim 1 on the animal; and

attaching the leading strap to each attachment for the leading strap.